THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (a) Yes; a petition from the hon. Member was received by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.

" (b) The allegations made in the petition have been inquired into and a report of the enquiry has been received.

" (c) The nature of the action to be taken is under consideration."

Proposal to close down the museum in the Pudukottai State.

* 107 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a museum in the Pudukottai State which has since been merged in the Madras Province;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to close down the museum;

(c) if so, what arrangements are proposed to be made to safeguard the antiquities and where they are proposed to be kept;

(d) whether it is a fact that they are archæologically very valuable for the study of monuments in the State; and

(e) what facilities are being offered to scholars who wish to study these antiquities in relation to the monuments?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (a) Yes.

" (b) The answer is in the negative.

" (c) Does not arise.

" (d) The antiquities no doubt serve to create interest in the monuments of Pudukkottai.

" (e) The Government of India will give the scholars all the facilities which they give in other parts of India to study the ancient monuments and the antiquities relating to them, when the ancient monuments of Pudukottai are taken over by the Department of Archaeology of the Government of India. The Government are not aware whether any scholar has applied for such facilities in the transitional period."

Hostels for the students in the City.

* 108 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken by the Government in order to implement the recommendation of the Housing Committee to establish hostels for the students studying in the City of Madras;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the accommodation provided for in the hostels attached to some of the colleges is quite insufficient for all the students studying therein; and

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(c) whether the Government are taking any steps to construct hostels or for securing accommodation and boarding to those students who are not able to secure admission into hostels attached to colleges?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(a) Government have decided that the question of implementing the recommendation of the Committee as far as they relate to hostels should be deferred.

"(b) So far as aided colleges in the City are concerned, there is no definite information about the sufficiency or otherwise of the accommodation provided for students in the respective hostels. In the case of Government colleges in the City it is true that accommodation in the hostels attached to some of these colleges falls short of the needs of the students.

"(c) There is no proposal to construct hostels for men students studying in Government colleges in the city. A proposal to acquire the building of the Lady Willingdon Nursing Home for purpose of a hostel for men is under consideration. Recently, the Government have started a hostel in "Amir Manzil" in Mount Road, for city college students who are not able to get accommodation in hostels attached to colleges in which they are studying.

"As regards women students, there is a proposal to construct a hostel in the compound of the Lady Willingdon Training College for Women. The Government have also opened a hostel for women in the 'Retreat,' Kilpauk."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Are the Government aware that several students in the city colleges experience considerable difficulty in securing hostel accommodation?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"Yes, there is difficulty for hostel accommodation in the city."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Will the Government secure more buildings for use as hostels?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The Government have already taken the 'Amir Manzil' in Mount Road and are on the look-out for suitable buildings. If any of the aided colleges in the city are anxious to start hostels, the Government will help them."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Will the Government find out whether there is sufficient hostel accommodation for students of aided colleges in the city?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"Generally there is insufficiency of hostel accommodation. But Government have not got the exact particulars."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Is it not the duty of the Government to provide adequate hostel accommodation as the students are put to great inconvenience?"

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"The Government are trying to do what all they can in the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Is there a system by which accommodation is guaranteed to a certain number of students depending on the strength of the colleges?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"No, Sir. When aided colleges want to build hostels and apply to the Government for aid, the Government render help wherever possible."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Has the University sent any report about the insufficiency of hostel accommodation for students?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"It is difficult to answer the question without notice. But we have not got any such report as far as I know."

Marking and grading of ghee.

* 109 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether anyone is given permission in this Province for marking and grading of ghee on actual values of genuine ghee; and if not, why;

(*b*) whether anyone has asked for such permission;

(*c*) what are the actual R.M. and B.R., etc., values of genuine ghee in each district, seasonwar, found by the Government; and if not, why;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware of the figures given by the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and the Imperial Dairy Export, Bangalore, on the examination of genuine general ghee in the Andhra districts; and

(*e*) if so, why marking and grading is not being done on the actual values?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"(*a*) Permission is being given in this Province to mark and grade ghee with a minimum Reichert Meissel (R.M.) value of 28. Permission is not given for grading ghee having a lower value than R.M. 28 although it may be genuine ghee. The reason is that while ghee with an R.M. value of over 28 can be considered genuine, samples with lower value may or may not be pure.

"(*b*) Applications have been received from the following areas for grading ghee with a minimum R.M. value of 28 :—

Tirupur (Coimbatore District)	From 1 merchant.
Gollaprolu (East Godavari District)	From 1 do.
Guntur (Guntur District)	From 4 merchants.
Madras (Madras City)	From 1 merchant.